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(Names of Life Members continued, on last page of this Cover.)

MINUTES

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION FOR 1849.

The members of the Convention assembled at the meeting-house of the Centre Ridge Church, in Carlowville, Dallas county, Alabama, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Saturday, the 3d November, 1849.

After appropriate religious services, the President, THOMAS CHILTON, called the Convention to order.

Representatives from the following bodies, presented their credentials, and took their seats, viz:

ASSOCIATIONS.

- Alabama*, H. TALBIRD, P. H. LUNDY, A. VAN HOOSE, R. CARSON,
D. P. J. MURPHY, Wm B. Haralson, C. B. Watts.
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Cahawba, J. J. Bradford, R. GRAHAM.
Canaan, Edmund King, J. MOORE, R. WOOD.
Central (Coosa co.) R. C. STEWART.
Central, (Sumter,) Wm. J. CALLAWAY,
Cherokee, [Letter received by Rec. Sec'y since adjournment, ad-
vising of \$23 45 cash, and \$29 75 individual pledg-
es, that will be paid to order of, and accounted to
Cor. Sec'y B. D. M. S. B. C.]
Choctaw, Funds.
Liberty, F. CALLAWAY.
Salem, J. M. Warrick.
Tuscaloosa, B. MANLY, Jr., M. D. J. Slade.
Tuskegee, W. C. Melver.
Union, Minutes and funds.

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- Ackerville*, J. Cally, C. J. Kirvin, M. B. Keyser, E. D. Bolton, T. Jones.
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Cahawba Valley, J. R. HAGGARD.
Centre Ridge, R. P. Lide, J. S. Allison, E. Lide, J P Williams, A. Melver.
Concord, E. Talbert, W. C. P. Holmes.
Friendship, Wm. R. Fleming.
Hickory Grove, Funds.
Liberty, Funds.
Montgomery, H. TALBIRD, D. P. J. MURPHY.
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Okmulgee, J. T. McCraw, L. Butler, J. McAdams.
Providence, C. M. Cochran, J. A. Norwood, A. W. Berry, W. H. Berry.
Salem, (Greensboro) THOMAS CHILTON, C. F. STURGIS, D. Vest.
Shady Grove, A. ANDREWS, J. H. BURNS.
Saint Francis St. (Mobile,)—T. G. KEEN.
Siloam, (Marion,) S. S. Sherman, J. H. DeVOTIE, M P JEWETT, S H Fowlkes.
Spring Hill, L. B. Lane.
Shiloh, Funds.
Tuskegee, W. C. Melver.
Union Town, S. Woodfin, E. Cabiness, D. Woodfin.

OTHER BODIES.

Marion Female Benevolent Society.....E. D. King.
Judson Female Institute Missionary Society...A. W. CHAMBLISS.
Ladies Benevolent Society of Colirene.....Green Rives.

LIFE MEMBERS.

E. D. King, David Gordon, L. B. Lane, E. G. Wagner, Wm B. Haralson,
W. N. Wyatt, Green Rives, R. P. Lide, E. H. Lide, Wm M. Rumph.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Indian Mission Association.....G. B. DAVIS.

☞ NOTE.—Ordained Ministers in small capitals, Licentiate in *italic*.

Re-elected THOMAS CHILTON President, and PLATT STOUT Recording Secretary. Appointed M. D. J. SLADE, Assistant Rec. Secretary.

The Chair appointed a committee on Religious Services during the session, viz: the Pastor and Deacons of Centre Ridge Church, with E. D. King, R. Wood and O. Rockwell.

Invited Ministering brethren present, of our order, not members of Convention, to seats with us, and a participation in our deliberations.

Appointed Breaker, Edm'd King and Wyatt a committee to nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention.

Accepted an invitation of the Centre Ridge Church to unite with her in celebrating the Lord's Supper on to-morrow afternoon.

The committee to nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention, reported the following list: E. D. KING, 1st V. P.; M. P. JEWETT, 2d V. P.; J. H. DE VOTIE, Cor. Sec'y; S. H. FOWLKES, Treasurer; which was unanimously concurred in.

The committee on Religious services reported, for to-night and Lord's day, viz: The annual sermon to be delivered to-night; the Missionary sermon, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M., as per appointment of last Convention; bro. T. G. Keen to preach on Lord's day afternoon; at the close of which brethren Talbird and Chambliss are to officiate in the administration of the Lord's supper.

Took a recess until after the delivery of the annual sermon to-night.

The annual sermon was delivered at night, by bro. B. Manly, jr., to a crowded house and interested auditory.

After which, the President announced the Standing committees, viz:
On Nominations.....Edmund King, Haralson, Fowlkes.

‘ *Temperance*.....Breaker, J. Talbert, Hawthorn.

‘ *Education*.....Jewett, Sherman, Fleming, Lane, Lundy.

‘ *Sabbath Schools*.....W. J. Callaway, S. Woodfin, Longmire.

‘ *Domestic Missions*.....Van Hoose, De Votie, Wood, Norwood.

‘ *Foreign Missions*.....Talbird, Chambliss, Sessions, F. Callaway.

‘ *Finance*.....Wyatt, M. A. McIver, Vest,

‘ *State of Religion*.....Van Hoose, Murphy, E. Talbert, Graham.

‘ *Letters and Documents*.....Bradford, E. E. Kirvin, D. Woodfin.

‘ *Periodicals*.....Talbird, J. C. Jones, Lane.

‘ *Claims*.....Haralson, Williams, Butler.

‘ *Arrangement of Business*..E. D. King, R. P. Lide, Cochran.

‘ *Moral and Religious In-*) Manly, Chambliss, Lane, Talbird, De
struction of colored people } Votie.

Brother G. B. Davis, Agent of the Indian Mission Association, asked and obtained leave to address the Convention and congregation, on the necessity of immediately raising funds to aid in defraying the travelling expenses of a female Missionary and Teacher in Armstrong Academy, in the Creek Nation of Indians, now ready, and only waiting for funds, to depart. This brief statement was followed by a stirring appeal from brother Jewett; at the close of which, a collection for that object was taken, amounting to \$37 25.

Adjourned to meet Monday morning, at 10 o'clock. Benediction by the President.

LORD'S DAY,

Brethren Holman and De Votie, who were appointed last year, as principal and alternate—the former being absent, and the latter too much indisposed—brother Chilton, by appointment of the committee, and special request of the brethren, delivered the Missionary sermon, at 11 o'clock; after which, a collection was taken for Foreign and Domestic Missions, amounting to \$87 40. In the afternoon, bro. Keen preached, and the Lord's Supper was administered by brethren Talbird and Chambliss. At night, the annual sermon, before the Alabama Baptist Bible Society, was delivered by brother Sturgis.

MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 5, 1849.

The Convention met, as per adjournment—Prayer by bro. De Votie.

The committee on Arrangement of Business, Reported—recommending the same order as adopted in 1848. The report was concurred in, and the committee discharged.

The Report of *The Trustees of Howard College*, was read, and referred to the committee on Education. [Appendix, A.]

The Report of *The Board of Directors of the Judson Female Institute*, was read, and referred to the committee on Education. [App. B.]

The following standing committees reported, viz:

On *Sabbath Schools*. [App. C.]

On *Domestic Missions*. [App. D.]

On *The State of Religion*. [App. E.] Which were severally read, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

On *Nominations*, viz:

For *Board of Directors of the Convention*: L. Y. Tarrant, A. G. McCraw, Wm Hornbuckle, C. Billingslea, W. N. Wyatt, M. P. Jewett, R. Holman, L. L. Fox, T. F. Curtis.

The following being one-third of the whole number, are nominated for *Members of the Board of Trustees of Howard College*, for the next six years, viz: W. W. Mason, A. G. McCraw, Wm. N. Wyatt, J. F. Cocke, Clement Billingslea.

To *Preach the next Annual Sermon*, J. J. Sessions; Alternate, P. H. Lundy.

To *Preach the next Missionary Sermon*, T. G. Keen; Alternate, A. Van Hoose.

The Report was adopted, and the Nominations unanimously concurred in.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and referred to the committee on Claims. [App. M.].

Delegates were appointed to the following Corresponding bodies, viz:

To the Indian Mission Association. . . T. G. Keen, A. W. Chambliss, C. M. Breaker, Tho. Chilton, P. Stout, W. J. Callaway, L. B. Lane, P. H. Landy, H. Talbird, J. H. De Votie, J. J. Bradford, A. Van Hoose.

To the Georgia Baptist State Convention, P. H. Landy, H. Talbird, G. Rives, W. B. Haralson, F. Callaway, J. M. Warrick, M. D. J. Slade.

To the Mississippi Bap. State Convention, R. Holman, A. W. Chambliss, C. M. Breaker, W. J. Callaway.

To the Southern Baptist Pub'n Society. . P. Stout, P. H. Landy, S. Henderson,

To the General Association of Virginia, . R. Holman, P. Stout.

On motion of the chairman of the committee on Education, the President was added to the committee, and made chairman thereof.

Ordered, That the balance of \$257 60, reported to be in the hands of the late Treasurer, be paid over to the committee on Finance, to credit of the fund for the support of Beneficiaries in the Theological Department of Howard College.

Took a recess until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION— $\frac{1}{2}$ PAST 1 O'CLOCK.

Resumed business.

Voted, to hold the next meeting of this Convention, with the *Siloam* church, in MARION, Perry county, Ala., at 10 o'clock, A. M., on *Saturday before the first Lord's day in November, 1850.*

On motion, and by unanimous consent, the Convention suspended business, and joined the President in special prayer, on behalf of sister MARY DAVIS, about to depart for the Indian Territory, as a Teacher and Missionary among the Creek Tribe. It was a solemn and interesting exercise.

Called for the Report of the committee, appointed last year, to be made to this Convention, "On the Support of Beneficiaries." No Report was presented.

The Report of the committee *On Temperance*, was read, and after a free discussion, was, on motion, re-committed.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That brethren Chambliss, Lyon, and Keen, be a committee on the Southern Baptist Publication Society, with leave to Report, at pleasure, during this session; and, that a committee on the Southern Baptist Publication Society, be placed on the list of Standing committees.

Adjourned until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Prayer by brother Van Hoose.

TUESDAY MORNING, NOV. 6, 1849.

Convention met at half past 9 o'clock, and the session was opened with prayer by brother Landy.

Reports were presented from the following committees, viz:

On *Letters and Documents*. [App. F.]

On *Foreign Missions*. [App. G.]

On *Periodicals*. [App. H.]

On *The Moral and Religious Instruction of the Colored People*. [App. I.]

On *Education*. [App. J.]

They were, severally, read, and with the accompanying Resolutions and Documents, adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The President stated, that no occasion for a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Convention had occurred during the Conventional year, and consequently, they had no Report to make.

The committee *On Temperance*, to whom had been re-committed their Report on yesterday, presented it, amended; which was adopted, and ordered to be printed. [App. K.]

Took a recess of half an hour.

Resumed business.

Appropriated Eighty Dollars for printing these Minutes, and accompanying Documents—and Forty Dollars to the Recording Secretary, for his services, including the superintending of the printing and distributing the Minutes.

Resolved, That all bodies, hereafter represented in this Convention, be requested to send up a distinct fund for printing the minutes.

Ordered, That the funds sent to this body, for particular objects, be paid over to the Societies having those objects in charge.

Ordered, That the Bible fund be exempt from a *pro rata* tax for printing the Minutes; and that the Alabama Baptist Bible Society have the privilege of printing their Minutes in connection with those of this Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Officers of the Methodist Church at Warrenton, for their christian courtesy, in tendering to this body, the use of their house of worship.

Resolved, That this Convention, gratefully offer to the brethren and citizens of Carlsville and vicinity, its cordial thanks for their courteous attention and hospitality, so generously bestowed upon its members, during the present session.

Resolved, That committees on Temperance, Education, Sabbath Schools, Domestic Missions, and Foreign Missions, be appointed at each session of the Convention, to report at the session following; and that the Standing committees on these subjects be discontinued; and that said committees consist of three members each.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, the President appointed the following brethren to compose said committees, viz:

On *Temperance*.....A. A. Connella, L. J. Fox, L. B. Lane.

‘ *Education*.....T. F. Curtis, S. S. Sherman, M. P. Jewett.

‘ *Domestic Missions*...R. Holman, J. H. De Votie, A. W. Chambliss.

‘ *Foreign Missions*.....H. Talbird, S. Henderson, A. B. McWhorter.

‘ *Sabbath Schools*.....A. Van Hoose, P. Stont, I. Lyon.

The committee on *Finance*, made their Report; which was referred to the committee on *Claims*. [App. N.]

The Report of the committee on *The Southern Baptist Publication Society*, was presented, read, adopted, and ordered to be printed. [App. L.]

Resolved, That to meet the demands in all parts of the State, for our denominational works, which, for some time to come, cannot be adequately supplied through the agency of the Colporteurs of the Southern Baptist Publication Society—this Convention do earnestly recommend to the Churches and brethren, to organize, in the city of Montgomery, a State Depository for the sale of the publications and works of that Society; and that Associations and Churches establish Depositories, to meet their local necessities.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to prepare and report to the next meeting of this body, a plan for raising a fund for the support of aged and destitute Ministers of our denomination; and the families of deceased Ministers, who may have died in the service of the Churches, and left their families unprovided for.

On motion, brethren Chilton, De Votie, and Chambliss, were appointed said committee.

On motion, the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries were requested to procure and have appended to these Minutes, a list of all the Life Members of this Convention.

On motion, the Recording Secretary was requested to have printed on the cover of the Minutes, the “Plan of the Book or Cards,” on page 29 of the Minutes of 1818, with appropriate explanatory remarks.

The committee on *Claims*, to whom had been referred the *Treasurer's Report*, and that of the committee on *Finance*. Reported, that they had examined said Reports, and found them correctly stated; whereupon, they were adopted, and ordered to be printed. [App. M. and N.]

Resolved, That the claims of the American Indian Mission Association are entitled to our highest regard, and that we endeavor to sustain it by our prayers and contributions.

The Convention having disposed of the business before it, appropriate remarks were made, and prayer offered by the President. Adjourned to date.

THOMAS CHILTON, *President*.

PLATT STOUT, *Rec. Sec'y*.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College.

A review of the affairs of the Board for another year is respectfully submitted in the following Report.

It is a gratifying and encouraging fact, that the efforts of the Convention to promote the cause of Education, have been characterized, in the main, by a steady and uniform progress. It is true, that no splendid results have been achieved; none were anticipated. With moderate, and even partial exertion, and amid much indifference, an Institution has been established, which is alike creditable to the intelligence and liberality of the denomination, and will bear favorable comparison with many, founded under more favorable auspices. In this, we think the reflecting may trace the hand of a superintending Providence, and derive encouragement to persevere in well-doing. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."

At no period in the history of the College, has its internal organization been so complete, as at the present time. It has an efficient Faculty, its classes are well organized, the students are quiet and orderly, and the standard of scholarship is high. The total number of pupils registered during the year recently closed, was 145, of whom, from 110 to 120 were in constant attendance. Six of these were pursuing studies preparatory to the Ministry, and many others, in indigent circumstances, received their tuition without charge. The prospects, for the present year, are encouraging; though it is not anticipated that the number of students will equal that of last year. The Preparatory Department, which depends mostly upon the town of Marion for support, is not so full as heretofore, in consequence of a school recently established by the Episcopalians.

On the 26th of July last, the College held its Second Annual Commencement; when five young men received the honors of graduation.

The Board regrets its inability to report any considerable progress in the permanent endowment, during the past year. Since the resignation of Bro. CHAMBLISS, every effort to obtain a suitable agent has proved unavailing, and with the exception of a few weeks' service, rendered by Bro. DE VOTIE, there has been no agent in the field, for nearly a year. Consequently, but few new subscriptions have been obtained, and many that have fallen due, as well as the interest on others, are uncollected. The effect is severely felt by the Board, but they have now a prospect of obtaining a suitable agent soon, when every exertion will be made to push forward the endowment as rapidly as possible. Upon its success the future destiny of the College depends.

The financial condition of the Board is essentially the same as detailed in the last Annual Report.

Early in January last, the Rev. T. F. CURTIS entered upon his duties, as Professor of Theology, under appointment of the Board. The ability and success, with which he has discharged these duties, are evinced by the increased number of students, and the new interest awakened on the subject of Theological instruction. At that time, there were only two students pursuing studies with reference to the ministry; now, there are six. In addition to their literary studies, which are pursued in connection with other classes, the Professor is carrying these young men through a course of instruction adapted especially to their future vocation. He is, at the present time, engaged in a course of Lectures on Systematic Theology. As it is

believed that more will be accomplished, by having some definite end in view, a course of study, contemplating a residence at the Institution, of three years, has been prescribed for those, whose circumstances will not permit them to pursue a full Collegiate course. In this period, it is believed that a young man of talents and industry, may lay the foundation of a sound theological education, and, at the same time, acquire a sufficient literary and scientific training, to enable him to discharge, efficiently, the duties of the sacred office, in an age and country, where education is brought to the doors of all, and where the demand for an educated ministry is increasingly imperative.

It may not be inappropriate for the Board to add, in this connection, a remark or two, respecting the duties performed by the Professor of Theology; especially, as very erroneous impressions, respecting them, prevail extensively, much to the prejudice of this department.

The original design, in establishing this chair was, not merely to provide theological instruction for pious young men, bringing from the churches to which they belong, evidence of their call to the sacred ministry, but also, to enable the Institution to supply the means of adequate intellectual training, in such branches of liberal education, as the circumstances of the applicants would justify them in pursuing, free of charge for tuition. The Institution was not then, nor is it now, able to give this instruction, independent of this chair.

It may not be generally understood, that all the young men who have entered the Theological Department, from its first organization to the present time, are such as have had but very limited opportunities for early education, and have required much preparatory study, before they could make any considerable progress in Theology. The most effectual and economical method of instructing these, is to put them in such classes as their respective attainments will enable them to join most advantageously. As their daily exercise in Theology, occupies only a part of the time of the Professor, he is, during the present term, instructing two classes which fall appropriately in the Literary department. He also instructed two classes, during the greater part of last year. In one of these classes, (Rhetoric,) there are four theological students, in the other, (the Senior Class, in Moral Science,) there are nine. At the same time, the theological students,—so dissimilar in their attainments,—recite in many other different classes, as Greek, Latin, Arithmetic, Algebra, &c.—none of which are taught by this Professor, but by the Professors of Languages and Mathematics. Should his entire attention be needed, at any time, in studies strictly theological, he will not be expected to perform any other labor. Before the present incumbent of the Theological chair entered upon his duties, he was explicitly informed by the Board, “that his first and paramount duty, would be, to devote to the class or classes in Theology, whatever time and attention their interests might require.” This intimation has been strictly followed by the Professor, in whose well known ability and devotion to the cause of Ministerial Education, the denomination has a sufficient guarantee that the interests of this department will not suffer in his hands.

The subject of Normal instruction was referred to this Board, by the Convention, at its last session. Seminaries, for the special instruction of teachers, have proved extremely useful in those States, where most attention is paid to Common Schools. Too much regard cannot be had to the qualifications of those to whom is committed, in a great measure, both the moral and intellectual culture of the youthful mind; and it seems not improbable, should Schools ever be established, subject to the supervision and control of the churches of our denomination, that some provision for the special instruction of those who desire to make teaching their profession, might be made in the College. Many young men, who received their education in the Howard, are now engaged in teaching; and, with inducements alluded to, the number of this class of students, would, perhaps, be much larger. The

subject will be more fully considered by the Board hereafter, and such action will be taken as the indications of Providence may seem to suggest.

In conclusion—as the term of office of a portion of its members now expires, the Board beg leave to express to the Convention and the denomination, their deep sense of the confidence reposed in them, and of the promptitude and liberality with which their labors have been seconded. In all their doings, they have considered themselves the agents of the Convention, and have endeavored to discharge, with fidelity, the important trust assigned them, by promoting, to the extent of their ability, the best interests of the Institution.

The following members of the Board go out of office at this time, and a new election becomes necessary: J. F. Cocke, W. W. Mason, Alex. Travis, A. G. McCraw, and W. N. Wyatt.

By order of the Board,

E. D. KING, *President.*

W. HORNBUCKLE, *Sec'y.*

[B.]

Report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute.

The Trustees of the Judson Female Institute are happy to Report to the Convention, that this institution is enjoying a high degree of prosperity.

From an examination of the Treasurer's books it appears, that, on the 1st inst., the Institute was indebted to the amount of five hundred and fifty-one dollars. This debt accrued from the erection of a brick kitchen, &c., and the making of necessary repairs on the Seminary edifice. To meet it, the Trustees will have in hand, the rent of the building for the current year, twelve hundred dollars. After extinguishing the present debt, the surplus of rent will be expended in making further indispensable additions and repairs. As this expenditure can neither be avoided nor delayed, the Board will not be able to receive any beneficiaries, during the present year.

The number of pupils on the Catalogue of the last scholastic year, ending August 2d, was one hundred and forty-five. The number already entered for the current year, is one hundred and sixteen, being exactly the same as reported to the Convention last year, at this date.

The Trustees feel, that they have just cause to congratulate the Convention, that the Institute continues to maintain its superiority of numbers over all other Female Seminaries in the State. Since the Judson was founded, numerous institutions for young ladies have been established in Alabama. Most of these are furnished with commodious edifices, and all the external requisites for prosperity, and several of them are in a flourishing condition: yet the Judson Institute has maintained its ascendancy, against all the drafts thus necessarily made upon it. Each succeeding year, the Institute is becoming more extensively known, more highly appreciated, and more efficient as a powerful engine in aiding, generally, the cause of Female Education, and in promoting, especially, the interests of our denomination. At a period when competition is so active and unscrupulous, the Trustees are sensible, that they can expect a liberal patronage, only by keeping the Judson an institution OF THE VERY HIGHEST ORDER. They are firmly persuaded, that its *superior merits* are the sole cause of its superior prosperity. Under this conviction, they are determined to preserve the Institute worthy of the patronage of the entire denomination, and of the community at large.

Our esteemed brother, Professor M. P. JEWETT, continues to preside over the Judson with distinguished ability and success. He is assisted by a large and able Board of Instructors; some of whom have been associated with him for seven years past.

The course of study embraces the most thorough training in the solid and useful branches, and offers the highest facilities for the cultivation of the

Ornamental branches. In Vocal and Instrumental Music, our superiority is universally admitted. The specimens of Painting in Water Colors, Crayons, India Ink, Mono-chromatics, &c., as well as in Embroidery, were pronounced; by competent judges, at the late Examination, superior to any thing of the kind ever seen by them, in any Seminary, north or south. To this department, will be added, this year, Painting in Oils, under the instruction of an eminent artist, from Troy, New-York. The classes in Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy and Physiology, attend the Lectures in the Howard College, a privilege, the loss of which would admit of no compensation.

The DISCIPLINE of the Institute has gained the approbation of all who have tested its character. Founded on the Word of God; regarding the Pupils as moral and accountable agents, it addresses the understanding and the conscience; cultivates honorable and virtuous principles, and rejects all appeals to slavish fear, to selfishness and vanity. Hence, the words of kindness are ever on the lips of the teachers, and obedience springs from love and a desire to do right. The Pupils constitute one happy family, under the supreme control of the Principal. Thus, they follow the guidance of one mind ever attentive to their wants, ever watchful to promote their best interests.

As there can be no success in study without industry, and no profitable industry without order and system, the most perfect exactness and punctuality pervade all the arrangements of the Judson.

As *habits of economy* are of the highest importance, the utmost care is taken to inculcate this virtue, and the most rigorous measures are adopted to repress a tendency to extravagant and foolish expenditures.

Religious influences are constantly brought to bear on the hearts and consciences of the Pupils, and Scriptural instruction is enjoyed by all of them, in the Sabbath School, and weekly Bible classes. For the promotion of personal piety among the young ladies, reliance is had, chiefly, on the individual faithfulness and efforts of the several Teachers. A weekly Prayer Meeting is kept up among the Teachers, and another is held by the pious young ladies, conducted by themselves.

With such an Institution committed to their supervision, your Trustees cannot but feel at liberty to invite the patronage of all intelligent parents, who desire their daughters to secure a sound intellectual, moral and religious training. Especially, do we feel it incumbent on us, to call on our own brethren, throughout all our churches, to unite in supporting the Judson Female Institute. Here, our children will be at home, breathing the same atmosphere which surrounds them under the parental roof; listening, from Sabbath to Sabbath, to the preaching of our own ministers; happy in the same doctrines and ordinances which they have loved from their infancy. While we would frown on any attempt to proselyte pupils, whose parents are connected with other communions, we would urge it as a solemn duty, on the part of Baptist parents, to encourage their own institutions. If Baptist children are sent to Pædo-Baptist institutions, they must either hear no doctrinal teachings, and witness no religious ordinances, or must attend on those which are contrary to the belief and practice of their parents.

In the Judson Female Institute, your Trustees believe you have an institution fully equal to the best Seminaries at the North. It ought, therefore, to receive the undivided support of our churches. If this support were given, instead of one hundred and forty or one hundred and fifty scholars, we should have two hundred and fifty names on every annual Catalogue. Every year, large graduating classes of well educated young ladies would go forth from the Institute, ornaments of their respective family circles, and blessings to society. These would be scattered among our churches, and would exert a highly salutary influence; encouraging the pastors in their labors, and promoting every interest of humanity, benevolence and piety. Some would be raised up, who would become Missionaries of

the Cross, worthy successors of that holy and heroic woman, who has given her name to the Judson Female Institute.

Commending the interests of our beloved Institution to the care of the Great Head of the Church, and to the favor of this Convention, the Trustees respectfully submit this Report to your disposal.

E. D. KING, *Pres. of the Board of Trustees.*

S. H. FOWLKES.

Marion, Nov. 1, 1849.

[C.]

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee beg leave to Report, that no information is furnished them by the bodies represented, except Salem church, at Greensborough; the zeal and success with which she has prosecuted this good work, is of the most gratifying character. Your committee can but regret that a similar spirit did not pervade all our churches—that a deeper interest on this subject was not manifested by them.

The intellectual and moral training of the youth, in well conducted Sabbath Schools, is of great importance to the scholars, many of whom, but for this means, would grow up and take their places in society, without a knowledge of the alphabet;—to the Church, in the moral and religious influence it exerts, by giving a right direction to the principles and habits both of the students and the teachers; and its conservative effect upon society at large, is so apparent, and its influences so happy, that the statesman and philanthropist may well say of the Sabbath School, “God prosper it.”

Feeling embarrassed, as your committee does, in the absence of statistical and other documentary information, necessary to render this Report either interesting or profitable; they would respectfully recommend, that a committee be appointed at this session, to report upon this subject at the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. CALLAWAY, *Chairman.*

[D.]

Report on Domestic Missions.

Our Savior, when on earth, taught his disciples, that “the field is the world.” The world then was the extent of the field placed before the immediate disciples of Christ for their cultivation; and, as the disciples, at that time, were the representatives of the Church, the world should be considered by us, as our field; and all the obligations which rested upon the Apostles, to cultivate this field, now rest upon us.

The positive command of our Savior would seem to us a sufficient motive to urge us forward in this great work. This command was given to the disciples, and by them handed down to us, and contemplates the cultivation of the entire field. As the field is the world, so the command is, “Go ye into all the world.” But is this the only motive placed before us? No. We are informed from various sources, that there is not only an obligation, growing out of our relation to each other, but there is a strong motive placed before us in this very relation, and that is, to extend relief to suffering humanity.

Nor is this all. There is another which, as is apparent to all, will exert a greater influence upon us than either of the former; and that is, the success which has attended our efforts in endeavoring to cultivate this field.

In reference to the precise amount of Missionary labor performed within the bounds of our own State, your committee have not the means of ascertaining. The greater part of the Domestic labor performed in this State, is performed by Associations in their individual capacity, and as they have, in but few instances, sent up any account of such labor to this Convention,

your committee have no data from which to draw any conclusion. We are confined therefore, either to our own personal observation, or to information derived from others.

Having availed ourselves of all the means within our reach, we feel ourselves fully authorized to say, that in no instance where suitable men have been obtained to labor in the Domestic field, have our efforts proved entirely unsuccessful.

With regard to our Domestic Mission Board, your committee Report, that its labors have been abundantly blessed. We are satisfied that all that is necessary to continued success, are suitable men and sufficient means, favored with the smiles of a kind Father. Circumstances, perhaps, were never more favorable, prospects more flattering, nor the necessity for action more imperious than at present.

Your committee recommend to this body, for its adoption, the following resolutions :

Resolved, That this Convention earnestly recommend to the Associations corresponding with us, that they send to this body, statistics of the amount of Missionary labor performed within their bounds.

Resolved, That the success attendant upon our efforts, call for our most heartfelt thanks to the blessed Savior, that He has verified unto us that cheering promise, "Lo, I am with you always;" and for our earnest supplications, that He would continue to crown our feeble efforts with success;—"that His Word may run and be glorified."

A. VAN HOOSE, *Chairman*.

[E]

Report on the state of Religion.

Having examined all the letters, both of Associations and Churches, and finding in many of them no definite information on this most interesting subject, the Report of your committee must necessarily be but a partial one.

Your committee Report, that with but few exceptions, the letters of Associations and Churches contain most cheering intelligence. Within the bounds of three Associations there have been more than one thousand added to the churches during the past Conventional year. Truly, we have great reason to bless God that "He has not forgotten to be gracious."

It is truly gratifying to the heart of the christian to witness the spirit of active, disinterested benevolence, pervading the different churches of our order. This is evidence that they are being more conformed to the image of our Divine Master, who "went about doing good continually." May our Father enlarge our hearts more and more, that, "as we have freely received, so may we freely give."

Your committee sincerely regret, that some of the Associations, and many of the Churches, corresponding with this body, are entirely silent on this truly interesting subject. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, This Convention earnestly recommends to all Associations and Churches, corresponding with this body, that they hereafter give us definite information with regard to the *state of Religion among them*.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. P. J. MURPHY, *Chairman*.

[F.]

Report on Letters and Documents.

Your committee have had all the letters and documents sent up to this Convention, handed over to them by your Recording Secretary; and after a

careful examination, find nothing of much importance to bring before this body. It is to be regretted that the Churches and Associations do not take more care in communicating facts and statistics of interest to this assembly. The most of the letters are mere certificates of the appointments made, and of the amount of funds contributed; and we would respectfully suggest, that they would hereafter give more fully the state of the churches—the number of additions and dismissals—the number excluded—the state of their Sabbath schools; in order that this, and other committees, may have more material from which to make their Reports.

It is with pleasure we notice the efforts, and very liberal contributions, of the Judson Female Institute Missionary Society, the Marion Female Benevolent Society, the Montgomery, Oakmulgee, and Siloam churches, and several of the Associations, “to extend the Redeemer’s Kingdom on earth;” and we hope that their commendable example will actuate others to a like spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. BRADFORD, *Chairman.*

[G.]

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your committee on Foreign Missions, would present the following Report.

The God of Missions has, during the past year, smiled on the efforts of our Foreign Mission Board. It is true, that several of our missionary brethren have fallen at their posts, and have entered upon their rewards; but others have been found willing to occupy their places. And the labors of those who have been thus taken from us, have not been in vain: for every arrival, from foreign lands, brings us the most encouraging accounts of the success of their efforts, and the increase of our Missionary churches—the churches which they planted.

There is another source of encouragement, in the fact, that the fields of our Missionary labors are constantly widening. It is true, that the cause of civil liberty in Europe, has not advanced, nor become so completely triumphant as its friends had anticipated. It is, however, still true, that the barriers which have existed, preventing the introduction of a purer christianity into Europe, have been, in a great measure, broken down by the recent revolutions on that continent. The broad fields thus thrown open to us, are thronged with immortal beings, and are marked with the most affecting destitution of the means of grace. Thousands of the unhappy beings inhabiting them are hungering for the bread of life, and, like famishing men in search of food, are eager to obtain it. Turning their eyes to our more favored land, they are beseeching us to impart it to them.

We should esteem it our privilege to gratify this desire. Our neglect of them, would involve us in the guilt of leaving millions of our fellow immortals in unpitied wretchedness, under the dominion of superstition, ignorance and fanaticism, to sink under the terrible penalties of the Divine law, pronounced against these fearful crimes. If then, we would meet the obligations which God has devolved upon us, and make our Foreign Missions a blessing to his Zion, and to the souls of our fellow-men, we must be yet more liberal in our alms, and more earnest in our prayers for the descending influence of the Holy Spirit to crown our efforts.

We would again affectionately invite the attention of our brethren to the earnest calls of our Foreign Mission Board. And we would urge upon our churches, the importance of adopting some systematic plan of benevolence, by which these calls may be more regularly and fully met.

H. TALBIRD, *Chairman.*

Report on Periodicals.

Your committee are impressed with the importance of the subject committed to them. They are convinced that nothing is more intimately connected with the morals of a people than its literature, and that the only conservative influence of American literature is christianity. Hence the necessity of constant effort on the part of christians, to supply our country with a pure christian literature.

It is a matter of congratulation that our Southern Publication Society has undertaken this good work; we cannot therefore but recommend it to the patronage of our churches.

In order to the spread of the Gospel, it must be apparent to every one, that a spirit of active benevolence in our churches is necessary. This spirit, in a measure, prevails now, but it must increase. In order to this, we believe it needs only that the claims of the different benevolent objects, now under the patronage of the denomination, be properly presented to our several churches. Your committee therefore recommend to our brethren the support of the *Missionary Journal*, *Indian Advocate*, and the *Commission*.

Your committee, however, would especially call the attention of our churches to the claims of the *Alabama Baptist Advocate*. We are highly gratified in noticing the able manner in which this paper is edited. It has thus established its claim to the patronage of the denomination, and we earnestly recommend to all our brethren, that they supply themselves with a copy of this paper without delay.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. TALBORD, *Chairman.*

Report on the Religious Instruction of the Colored People.

While your committee feel that the subject entrusted to them is one of no ordinary delicacy, they are constrained to regard it as for that very reason, among others, demanding our most careful scrutiny.

This race, and the circumstances of their presence among us, presenting as they do matter for curious investigation to the physiologist and ethnologist, and for anxious deliberation to the politician and patriot, offer no less interesting and momentous questions to the christian philanthropist. Differences of opinion in relation to them and their position have rent asunder two of the largest denominations of christians in the U. S., a catastrophe from which other denominations have escaped only by their strength lying mainly either at the South or North, so as to afford an overwhelming majority on one side or the other. For many years past this race has been a source of contentions so momentous as to jar the very pillars of the Constitution; and now, whether we will or not, the black question mingles itself with every movement of public policy, with all our foreign relations, with our state government, and our domestic arrangements. It enters our halls of legislation, our churches, our houses, and interlocks itself with all our interests.

A subject thus indefinitely ramified and interwoven, cannot fail to demand that the christian, with his Bible in his hand, and the prayer of humility issuing from his heart, should ask—"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"—It would be strange indeed if the Word which was given that "the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work," should either contain no instructions in reference to our duty, or should couch them in such vague and oracular mysteriousness as to be "hard to be understood." Such is not the case with any other of the prominent relations subsisting in life. Right and wrong are marked out with such distinctness

that he who runs may read it. When we find moreover that this relation foretold and established by prophecy, between the very races now involved in the connection, has existed between these same races ever since the new peopling of the world after the flood; and that, in no instance, has the African of the lineage of Canaan sustained any other relation than a servile one to the other tribes—a neglect of instruction in the Bible, upon duties which must have been as obligatory and imperative then as now, seems truly incredible. The simple fact is that here is no such deficiency or dubiousness of information. It is a slander upon the “holy men of old,” and upon the Holy Ghost by whom they were moved to say, that for fear of men, or from local and temporary circumstances of expediency, they refrained from denouncing what we are now informed is essentially the concentration and climax of all wickedness. It is equally injurious to the Book of God to assert, or to imply by our neglect that it has enjoined *no* duty, as growing out of a relation so extensive and potent in its influences.

These duties are various and important, perhaps more so than those of any other relation, because no other relation of life supposes a dependence so universal and absolute as this. They have been frequently exhibited more or less particularly; but had they not, it would be impossible for us to enlarge upon them in a Report like this. The main thing for which we would plead is that they should have the gospel. If the man who starves his servants, either by wilful refusal or careless neglect to provide for their subsistence, is visited with public contempt and indignation, as well as the just penalty of the laws,—should not a christian interest for their spiritual welfare forbid that they be left famishing, without the bread of life?

It is not sufficient to excuse us from this duty that there is much of error, much of fanaticism, much of ignorance, much of mere physical excitement, much of hypocrisy in the professed religious experiences of this class of people. Whether there be more of these things among them, than those in other regions who discharge duties, and occupy a position similar to theirs, we shall not undertake to decide. But whatever be the amount of them, every thing of this kind adds to, rather than detracts from, the imperative necessity of correct and scriptural religious instruction.

But the subject opened before us is too vast for the limits of a Report. In considering it, your committee are impressed with the fact that while we have books and tracts by scores forced upon us from abroad, teeming with what we must regard as false and unscriptural views, there is no work known to us, developing at length, and insisting upon the duties of masters and servants, as revealed in the Bible. Those who have written on the subject in answer to northern men, have naturally confined themselves to proving that the relation is recognized in the Bible, and its duties enjoined, without expatiating upon the nature of those duties. We have some incidental hints, scattered through various works, some excellent occasional discourses, and we sometimes hear from the pulpit forcible and affecting representations of these matters, but no extended treatise, nor one even *proposing* to display at large and insist on the duties scripturally involved in the relation. We are not careful to answer our northern brethren on this subject any longer. The time for calm and unprejudiced discussion seems to have passed with them: they give us abuse for argument, insult for persuasion, stones for bread. *But we are desirous to think right and to act right;* and if we do this, we shall be safe, having the God of right on our side. Many sincere christians are anxious to know their duty, and others have perhaps been driven by the ultraism of abolitionists into a practical neglect of the idea that there are any duties. Some work on this subject seems to be demanded.—Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That Rev. B. Manly, sen., Rev. Rob't Paine, Rev. N. L. Cobb, Rev. A. S. Lipscombe, and Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, be requested by this Convention to act as an Examining Committee, and award a premium of \$200, to be made up by private contribution, for the best treatise on the

Duties of Christian Masters to their Servants, unfolding and insisting upon the Scriptural teachings on that subject.

2. That the aforesaid gentlemen are hereby requested to make publication of this premium, and invite treatises to be handed in, under such regulations as they may appoint.

3. That T. A. Chilton, Jas. H. Devotic and M. P. Jewett, be appointed to convey information to the above named gentlemen of this request, and to fill vacancies in the committee of award, should any of them decline to act.

B. MANLY, Jr., *Chairman.*

[J.]

Report on Education.

The various matters referred to this committee, have led them carefully to examine the origin and history of the existing educational operations of the Convention. They deem it appropriate to present as their Report, the results of this investigation; in order clearly to exhibit the relations which the institutions under its care sustain to the Convention, and that they may deduce some inferences in regard to the future.

The Judson Female Institute, founded in 1831, by private munificence, became the property of this Convention in 1842. The graduates now number forty-seven. The annual income is sufficient to defray all expenses, make necessary additions and repairs, provide the requisite Apparatus, &c., and has enabled the Trustees to bestow the advantages of the institution on two Beneficiaries. The committee would refer the Convention to the Report of the Board of Trustees, as showing the prosperous condition of the Institute, and containing important suggestions relative to the duty of the churches towards our own institutions.

The incipient steps towards establishing Howard College, were taken by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, at its regular annual meeting in Talladega, in November, 1841. At that time, it was resolved to establish a COLLEGE of a high character; a plan for its endowment was proposed; an agent was appointed; Marion, Perry county, was selected as the location; a Board of thirteen Trustees was appointed to control said institution, to whom all subscriptions were to be made payable; and by whom, when they should become a corporate body, all property of the Institution should be held.

After the adoption of these important measures, the Convention, on motion of A. W. Chambliss, united in solemn prayer, invoking the blessing of God on this great enterprise.

At the same meeting, the committee on Education recommended the "establishment of a Theological Institution connected with the College," but the Convention took no action on this subject, at that meeting.

At the next session of the Convention, held in Montgomery, in November, 1842, the Board of Directors of the Convention reported, that a charter for Howard College had been obtained, and a Preparatory School opened, but the pecuniary embarrassments of the country had prevented the College agent from proceeding with the endowment. The Trustees of the College, however, presented a plan for endowing a Theological Professorship. This was approved by the Convention, and measures were taken for carrying it into effect.

At the annual meeting in 1843, the Trustees reported, that the endowment of the Theological Professorship was nearly completed, and a Professor had been appointed to fill the chair. In answer to the inquiry of the Trustees, whether they should at once proceed to the endowment of a Literary Professorship, the Convention replied, through the committee on Education, that "it is thought inexpedient to make any effort of this nature, at present."

Nevertheless, early in 1811, the Trustees were encouraged by the increasing prosperity of the institution, to commence that endowment. They had not proceeded far, however, when the destruction of the college edifice by fire, compelled them to employ all their energies in repairing that loss.—The action of the Board in entering on that endowment, was fully sanctioned and approved by the Convention in the autumn of 1814, and the Trustees were instructed to continue their laudable exertions in this behalf. At this meeting, the theological fund was reported as complete, amounting to twenty thousand dollars.

The Minutes of this body for 1815, show an increased interest on the part of the Convention, in all the affairs of the College.

In the Minutes for 1817, we find the following preamble and resolutions:

"Whereas, the Convention cordially approves of the course pursued by the Trustees of Howard College, in their laudable efforts to elevate the literary character of the institution; therefore,

"Resolved, That this CONVENTION make vigorous efforts to raise, during the next five years, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of more amply endowing the College, and placing it, at once, on a permanent and honorable foundation."

From the Reports of the Board of Trustees to the Convention, for 1817 and 1818, it appears, that the sum of about twenty-five thousand dollars has been raised on the Permanent Fund.

From the above facts, derived from the records of the Convention, it appears that this body did originate, and now has under its supervision and control, a chartered institution, denominated Howard College, furnishing instruction in all the usual branches of a liberal education; and also providing for the instruction in Theology of young men desiring to prepare for the Gospel Ministry.

By reference to the Report of the Trustees, the committee find that Howard College is in a highly prosperous condition. It has an efficient Faculty; its classes are well organized; the students quiet and orderly, and the standard of scholarship is high. The College has held two commencements, at which twelve young men received the honors of Graduation.

It is gratifying to find, that the Theological Department, under the able direction of brother T. F. Curtis is attracting the strong regards of our churches generally. Six young brethren are successfully prosecuting their studies, preparatory to entrance on the sacred ministry. The distribution of duties among the several Professors of the College, the committee consider very necessary and judicious, and particularly advantageous for the students in Theology.

The limited time at the command of this committee, has not permitted them to give the second branch of their report that mature reflection which its importance demands. But the following considerations are suggested, as indicating the duty of the Convention in reference to the institutions under its care, and to christian education in general.

Merely intellectual education, knowledge unaccompanied by the chastening and sanctifying influence of religious principle, has little tendency to quicken the perception of right and wrong; to cultivate a correct sense of moral obligation, and is utterly powerless to form the heart to virtue. Nay, more; education in possession of a bad man is like a burnished sword in the hands of a maniac. He is quite as likely to use it against a friend as a foe; and more likely still to make it the instrument of his own destruction.

It is an undeniable fact, that in most of our systems of education, the moral element is entirely overlooked. The legitimate tendency of all instruction, as generally conducted, is, to unfold and strengthen the intellectual faculties; to store the mind with useful knowledge, and leave the moral powers to develop themselves, or remain forever dormant. The majority of even christian parents do not sufficiently reflect on the power of education as a formative process. God created the marble in the quarry, but the chisel of the sculptor gives it the grace and eloquence of the human form. He also created man an intellectual and moral being, but proper cultivation

alone can impart to him the perfect and symmetrical development of which he is susceptible. Man is, emphatically, the creature of education, by it he may be moulded into any form. He is not, by nature, a Buddhist, a Mahometan, a Catholic, or a Protestant; but, if he is early instructed in the creed of the False Prophet, he becomes a good Mussulman. He is a Jew, a Catholic, a Protestant, according to his early education.

In modern times, the Jesuits appear to have understood this principle best, and most successfully to have carried it into practice. To sustain the tottering throne of Papacy, the Society of Jesus was instituted. The importance of educated men to sustain its gigantic enterprise was felt at the outset, and colleges were established for the education of young men, until the immediate supervision of the Chiefs of the Order. By this wise policy, they were soon provided with an able and learned corps, capable of stemming the tide of the Lutheran Reformation. They also felt the importance of securing the rising generation, knowing that by so doing, they would soon possess the risen. To this end they directed their utmost energies, and were soon able to meet the Reformers on their own ground. Even in Germany, the centre of Protestant influence, their institutions arose, and soon acquired such celebrity, as to attract the children of Protestant parents. The consequence of establishing these schools was, that Popery soon began to revive, and the very children who had heard the voice of Luther himself, had scarcely passed off the stage, when the power of the Pope was firmly re-established over one half of Germany, and there, to this day, it binds its iron yoke on the consciences, and intellects, and liberties of the people. The spirit of the Jesuits is the same in every age; it is the same now as in the days of Loyola. They are busy in our own country, and insinuating themselves into every city and important town. Unless Protestants adopt the same policy, the time may come when they will lament their present apathy.

It is, however, one of the most favorable indications of the times, that the christian public is awakening to this subject. The Presbyterian church has announced her purpose "to adopt measures for the education of her youth, under her own superintendence;" and, to accomplish this end, she is now organizing "a complete system of christian education, consisting of Schools, Academies and Colleges, under the care of Sessions, Presbyteries and Synods." Our own denomination, in other States, is also active. In Pennsylvania, the Baptists have recently raised one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of endowing their own University. In Tennessee, our brethren have contributed forty thousand dollars, in a short time, for a similar purpose. In Missouri, they have endowed a College with a fund of fifty thousand dollars. It is worthy of notice, that this last amount was raised through the voluntary exertions of the pastors of the churches, without any expense to the institution.

Finally, what is the duty of the Baptists of Alabama, in reference to this subject? Eight years ago, it was thought "expedient and necessary" to establish and endow a College, and to provide for the education of the rising ministry. The lapse of time has proved the wisdom of the Convention in adopting this course, and each succeeding year shows an increasing desire, on the part of the churches, to secure for their own benefit an institution of the very highest order. To ensure success, it is indispensably necessary, that the plans already adopted should be vigorously prosecuted. The Permanent Fund of one hundred thousand dollars, which the Convention has undertaken to raise, must be speedily completed. Thus the College will be placed above the possibility of disaster, and the Baptists of Alabama will have an institution of their own, worthy of their wealth, piety and intelligence. Our regard for the glory of God, for the Redeemer's kingdom, for the prosperity of our Zion; the marshalling of the hosts of infidelity, Romanism and false doctrine against the truths we most dearly cherish; the bright and generous example of our brethren in other States—all these considerations combine to urge the members of our denomination throughout the

State, to unite in one present, signal and vigorous effort to push forward to its consummation the noble enterprise to which, through this body, they have repeatedly and solemnly pledged themselves.

All which is respectfully submitted. THO. CHILTON, *Chairman.*

[K.]

Report on Temperance.

It is no longer a mooted question, whether the advocacy of the principles of Temperance is consistent with the christian spirit—that controversy belongs to the things that were. Nor is it difficult to determine the moral character, or at least the type of the morality of those, who deliberately and sternly oppose the progress of the Temperance reformation.

Public opinion, popular sentiment, christian sympathy, the *wise* and the good of *all* classes, sanction and sustain the noble work, the philanthropic enterprise, the benevolent design of ameliorating the moral, physical and social condition of the world, in this department of benevolent action. It is an unquestionable fact, that a rigid adherence to, and practice of, the principles of Temperance, in its most enlarged sense, enters largely into the stock of human happiness, and the production and diffusion of happiness in all the ramifications of life, is, and of right ought to be, the primary object of all christian effort. While, therefore, the *unexampled* success, which crowned the labors of the friends of Temperance, thus far, not only affords evidence of the goodness of their cause, and is a matter of profound gratification to every benevolent heart, but also furnishes the most pleasing assurance of final and complete triumph, in the deadly conflict, which has long existed, between the friends and foes of man, in this particular.

We apprehend, that nothing more is required, to achieve a signal and glorious victory—to crush the hydra-headed monster—to beard the demon of darkness and death, and expel him from the earth, and diffuse the blessings of universal temperance, than united, vigorous, and persevering exertion, on the part of its professed friends.

Of the numerous instrumentalities which have been devised for the promotion of temperance, and the suppression of its multiplied corresponding evils, it is our deliberate opinion, that for perfection of design, effectiveness of operation, and felicity of results, none are comparable to the institution of the Order of the Sons of Temperance. All other organizations have served their day, and from defectiveness of principle, or operation, have failed to accomplish the object proposed, and are, many of them at least, numbered with the things that were, while this is advancing with accelerated strides, and is bidding fair to subjugate the world, by its potent, benign and generous principles.

The committee are happy in being able to state, that there are, at this time, more than three hundred Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in the State of Alabama; enrolling on their records more than fifteen thousand members, or about one-fourth part of the *entire* adult male population of the State, of whom a very large proportion, are members of our churches. And all this has been accomplished within a little more than two years.

Our ministers and churches generally are becoming increasingly interested in this noble institution; and we trust that the time is approaching when every Baptist, eligible to membership, in Alabama, and in the world, will be identified, in principle and in practice, with it.

We are not a little gratified too, to know, that many of our churches are becoming stricter in the administration of their discipline, in cases of delinquent members, on the score of intemperance.

The sum of our pleasure, however, is sensibly abated, by the melancholy fact, that some of our brethren, as well as some professing christians of other religious denominations, are seriously, and no doubt, conscientiously, opposed to the Order of the Sons of Temperance. Now, while the Convention possesses no authority, nor desires any, to interfere with the acknow-

ledged rights of men, or to sit in judgment on the consciences of churches or individuals; yet we cannot suppress the expression of regret, that any opposition should arise from such quarters. It is not assumed, however, that all who are not identified with this Order, are either opposed to it, or to the principles or practice of temperance. Doubtless, many good brethren, who are opposed to the institution, are influenced by proper motives. We can but hope, however, that the time will come, when all christians, as well as philanthropists and patriots, will see eye to eye, and act in concert, in this noble and blessed cause.

The committee conclude their report, by earnestly and affectionately recommending to the ministers and members of our churches, throughout the State, united, increased, and persevering effort in this good work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. BREAKER, *Chairman.*

[L.]

Report on the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

Your committee on the Southern Baptist Publication Society, raised at a late hour, would submit the following hasty Report:

The moral power of the press as it now affects society, is well understood—in moulding its sentiments and forming its character.

The rapidly increasing facilities, afforded for communicating the thoughts embodied in the myriads of pages being daily thrown off by this mighty agency, adds immensely to its power to work good or evil. A sanctified literature, sound, chaste and pure, has become indispensable to meet the necessities of the age—to counteract and control the deleterious influences upon the literary taste, and the demoralizing tendency of its counterpart, found in the flood-tide of iniquity sweeping our country, in the form of bad books and enticing periodicals, gorgeously embellished, much of which is notoriously impregnated with moral poison. To save our families, our neighbors, and our country from these effects, and to elevate their taste, and improve the tone of their moral and religious feelings—to meet the wants of our own church members—the Southern Baptist Publication Society has been organized.

It were a tax upon your patience, which we shall not impose, to enter into all the causes which led to the formation of this Society—the details of its organization and its objects. Your committee deem it sufficient to say that, it combines the elements of great usefulness, and is adapted to meet the condition and known wants of our southern churches and communities. It looks with a benignant smile upon the Bible Society, and holds out its hands to receive her issues, and distribute them to the multitudes perishing for want of the bread of life—while it fraternizes with Tract, the Sunday School and the Missionary enterprizes; each of which we esteem important agencies in the great work in which your body is also ardently engaged. A feature in it, in which your committee look with peculiar satisfaction, is that of colportage. It is contemplated, that through the agency of colporteurs, the books, &c. of the Society shall be borne to our neighborhoods and doors; and whilst these pious brethren are selling their precious treasures, and dispensing them gratuitously to the poor and destitute, they will also be performing the essential work of Home Missionaries. The agent for Alabama informs your committee, that he is now ready to commence this system in our State, and will have one colporteur in the field in a few days, and others as soon as books, &c. arrive, and so add, as funds are raised in Alabama for that purpose, until our State shall be well supplied.

Your committee beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, that we recommend our brother Elder Platt Stout, the agent of the Southern Baptist Publication Society for Alabama, to the cordial esteem and co-operation of the christian community at large, especially of the Baptist denomination.

A. W. CHAMBLISS, *Chairman.*

[M.]

Treasurer's Report.

LEWIS C. TUTT, Treas'r, in ac. with *Alabama Baptist State Convention.*

1848	Dr.	
Nov 21	To bal. cash in my hands per rep. to Conv'n 1848.....	\$261 15
23	To cash of C. Huckabee, sub'n for Beneficiaries,...	5 00
	Cash of B. Manly jr. for do.	2 50
	— Bell for do.	10 00
	Am't rec'd of Finance com'te for Foreign Missions	1031 94
do do	Domestic do	613 73
do do	Indian do	164 55
do do	Dom. Bible Cause	58 65
do do	African Missions...	76 71
do do	General Purposes...	44 25
do do	Southern Pub. Soc.	6 50
do do	Foreign Bib. Cause	10 00
do do	Beneficiaries How C	259 14
	Of Montgomery Baptist ch. by Rev. H. Talbird, for Domestic missions.....	10 00
do do	for Benefic's Howard C.	13 00
do do	Of Alabama Ass'n for Foreign missions.....	31 50
do do	Domestic missions.....	26 50
	Of Dr. Lyon for Beneficiaries in Howard College, on subscription for 1847.....	5 00
	Of Benton church by Dr Lyon, for Home missions..	2 00
do do	for Foreign missions....	11 75
do do	for China mission.....	1 00
do do	for Indian missions paid to G. B. Davis.....	2 00
do do	for Dom. Bible Cause..	1 00
	Of Shady Grove and Harmony churches for Domestic missions at last Conv.	78 00
	Of Nacafalia church at last Convention for gen'l purposes.....	25 00
	Of Bethel Association for Foreign missions	7 75
do do	for general purposes....	12 05
1849 Ap 3	To am't rec'd of Mrs. Mary Ann Bethea, by Rev. G. B. Davis, for Theological students	10 00
	Of Rev. A. M. Handy for do	5 00
	Of Edmund Kingfor do	2 00
	Of M. B. Clement, per S. S. Sherman	5 00
Sep 1	Of Mrs. Walker and Miss Mary Walker.....for do	10 00
	To am't of L. C. Tutt's subscription for Beneficiaries in 1849.....	5 00
		<u>\$2,806 67</u>

1848	Cr.	
Nov 21	By cash pd P. Stout [1, 2]	\$50 00
	Pd G. B. Davis, Indian mis. [3]	80 25
	disbursed thro' do. for do [4]	81 15
	disbursed by Female Benev. olent Society of Marion, for Beneficiaries, [5].....	143 19
	Disbursed through Mulberry Assoc'n for Dom. mis. [6]	58 00
	A. D. Blackwood for do [7]	16 10
	James B. Taylor, viz: [8]	
	Foreign mis. \$1,021 27	
	African mis.....	73 71
	For'n Bible Cause 10 00	
		<u>1,107 98</u>
	A. M. Poindexter, for So'n Publication Society, [9]...	6 50
	Mrs Mary Rutledge, [10]	50 00
	do do do..... [11]	39 89
	Wm Hornbuckle,..... [12]	620 00
	Anderson West's acc't [13]	15 08
	Wm Hornbuckle P. M. [14]	44 25
	John Patrick, (books,) [15]	10 15
	Platt Stout's order..... [16]	65 33
	Wyatt & Houston's acc't, Benjamin Hodges, [17]	56 33
	Hendrix, Tutt & Toler [18]	21 87
	Robert West & Co. ac. [19]	2 00
	David Lockhart, acc't [20]	2 50
	A. W. Chambliss, ac't [21]	77 50
		<u>\$2,549 07</u>
	Balance in my hands,.....	<u>\$257 60</u>
		<u>\$2,806 67</u>

The above account, showing a balance in my hands of \$257 60, is respectfully submitted.

L. C. TUTT, Treasurer.

Nov. 1st, 1849.

We have examined the above account, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. HARALSON,

JNO. P. WILLIAMS,

LEONARD BUTLER,

Com. on Claims.

Nov. 6, 1849.

	For'n miss's	Dom. miss's	Ind'n miss'n	Do B cause.	For'n B. cn.	Afr mis.	Sou P. soc	Ben's H. Col	Gen'l Purp.	Total.
Siloam church, Marion.	92 75	111 50	96 20				\$30	67 00		397 10
Union Association.	26 75									26 75
Mt. Lebanon ch. Dallas		5 00								5 00
Alabama Association.	22 41	17 43	20 41							60 25
Montgomery church.	57 00	87 00	47 00	7 00	10 00	32		50 00		290 00
Union Town church.	13 75	13 75		13 75		11				52 25
Ladies Ben. So. Collirene		13 00								13 00
Central Ass. Sumter co.	10 00									10 00
Providence ch., Dallas.									20 00	20 00
Cahawba Valley church					10 00	4				10 50
Z. Rudolph, sr.	20 00	25 00		5 00				15 00		65 00
Friendship church.		15 50		50				4 00		20 00
Concord church.		4 00		3 00						7 00
Tuscaloosa Association.	13 00									43 00
do for Tuscaloosa ch.	6 20	28 20	35 70	3 75	3 75			28 20*		105 80
Hickory Grove church.		8 00								8 00
Shiloh church, Perry co	13 90									13 90
Rec'd fr. former Treas'r	by ord	of	Conv.	direct	ed by	don	ors.	257 60		257 60
A. Van Hoose on pledge								30 00		30 00
Choctaw Association.									3 50	3 50
Oakmulgee church.	26 50	23 25	18 40	46 25				11 30		125 70
Ackerville church.		3 00								3 00
Mrs. Martha McMillan								25		25
D. W. Bolton.								25		25
Liberty church, Dallas.	20 50									20 50
Cunann Association			22 00			1				23 00
Edmund King.								10 00		10 00
Cahawba Association.	8 40	12 50		17 85				16 50†		67 63
Collection on Sabbath.	43 70	43 70								87 40
Mt. Pleasant ch. Mar'go	9 41	9 41						9 43		28 25
Bethel Association.								15 00		15 00
Tuskegee Association.	22 72		2 50			24				27 72
Tuskegee church.	12 00									12 00
Judson Female Institute			67 85							67 85
Collect'n Saturday nig't			37 25							37 25
Bethlehem Association.			1 00				\$34		15 75	20 00
Platt Stout, R. S.									7 40†	7 40
Wm W. Boykin	10 00	10 00								20 00
Wm C. Jones.								1 00		1 00
Benton church.	16 00	2 00	2 00	1 00		\$5		3 00		29 00
I. Lyon.								5 00		5 00
Ash Creek church.				5 00						5 00
Shady Grove church.									6 00	6 00
Daniel Rast		10 00								10 00
Mary Rast	5 00									5 00
Salem church	12 50					44		20 00		37 00
Platt Stout.								10 00		\$10 00
Miss Mary A. Stout								10 00		\$10 00
Marion Female Ben. So								100 00		\$100 00
Mrs. Nancy Lane.	10 00	60 00	20 00					10 00		100 00
L. B. Lane	10 00	60 00	20 00					10 00		100 00
Central Assoc'n, Coosa.									1 00	1 00
Liberty do Chambers.	16 75	4 60	6 90			4				28 75
Spring Hill ch. [funds to be sent to Marion.										
Salem Association.										
Centre Ridge ch.									9 00	9 00

\$529 24 366 49 397 21 103 10 23 75 \$52 38 25 683 53 75 03 2468 60

*For brother Taliaferro. †Paid in by Oakmulgee church. ‡Unexpended balance of appropriation of 1848 for postage. §Pledged in 1847. ||Appropriated by the Ladies.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. N. WYATT, Chairman.

We have examined the above account, and find it correct. Respectfully submitted.

Since Con. Gainesville Sewing Society has sent \$25 for Dom. Mis.

W. B. HARALSON,

JNO. P. WILLIAMS,

LEONARD BUTLER,

Committee on Claims.

and \$8 20 for Bible Cause.

MINUTES

OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY;

HELD AT CARLOWVILLE, DALLAS COUNTY,

SUNDAY NIGHT, NOV. 6TH, 1849.

1. The Anniversary was preached by Rev. C. F. STURGIS, of Greensborough.

MONDAY NIGHT, NOV. 7.

1. The regular business meeting was opened with reading the Scriptures, and prayer by Rev. G. LONDMAN. The President also explained the objects of the Society, in a short and appropriate Address.

2. Officers elected.

3. Treasurer's Report read, and referred to the auditing committee.

4. Constitution amended, and ordered to be printed with the Minutes.

5. Interesting Addresses were delivered by Messrs. HERRICK and REDDING, Colporteurs of the Society, and by other members.

6. Rev. T. CHILTON proposed to be one of twenty, to contribute one hundred dollars, (five dollars each,) to purchase Bibles for the use of the Society the ensuing year. The proposition was promptly met, and the amount raised in a few minutes.

7. W. N. WYATT proposed to be one of five, to give twenty-five dollars to purchase a box of Bibles for a destitute field mentioned by Mr Herrick, Colporteur. The sum was immediately pledged.

8. Dr. L. B. LANE offered to be one of twenty, to contribute another hundred dollars, which amount was also pledged.

9. Voted Rev. T. CHILTON a life director of the Society.

10. Appropriated ten dollars to printing Minutes; and adjourned.

J. H. DE VOTIE, *President.*

S. S. SHERMAN, *Secretary.*

OFFICERS.

J. H. DE VOTIE, *President.*

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CONSTITUTION.

1. This Society shall be called *The Alabama Baptist Bible Society*, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, whose single object shall be to aid in circulating the Holy Scriptures.

2. Any person may become of this Society, by contributing annually to its funds, and a member for life, by paying \$150.

3. The funds of this Society shall, after deducting incidental expenses, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, or to the Treasurer of one of its Boards, to assist in supplying the destitute with the Word of Truth.

4. This Society shall elect, annually, a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer; also, a Board of Directors, consisting of the above-named officers, and seven other members; who, in case of failure of an annual election, shall hold their election until another election is made.

5. The President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in their absence, such member as may be chosen for the purpose, shall preside at the meetings.

6. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected, and hold them subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall make a report at the annual meeting of the Society.

7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Directors, arrange business to be brought before them, and keep the Minutes of their doings; to conduct the correspondence of the Society, and prepare a Report for the annual meeting.

8. The Board of Directors, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall manage the business of the Society during its recess, and adopt such measures as are best calculated to promote the interests of the Society.

9. There shall be an annual meeting at such time and place as the Society may previously appoint, when the accounts of the Treasurer shall be presented, the annual report read, and such other business transacted, as the interests of the Society may require.

10. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution except at ann. meeting.

Ala. Baptist Bible Soc. in acc't with E. A. Blunt.

48 Nov 20	Cash on hand . . .	\$468 69	Nov. 4	Cash fr Mr. Rumph, . . .	5 00
23	of O. C. Huckabee, 5 00			Green Reeves, . . .	5 00
	from a friend, . . .	1 00		J. A. Fountain, . .	5 00
	Rev. Th. Chilton, 5 00			A. W. Chambliss, 5 00	
	Mrs L. E. Chilton, 5 00			J. P. Williams, . .	5 00
	J. B. Fiquet & Co. 5 00			J. M. Lide,	5 00
	Miss Murg. King, 1 00			Lyttleton Edwards 5 00	
	Quarles, 1 00			Win. N. Wyatt, . .	5 00
	E. S. Conard 1 00			P. Melver,	5 00
	L. M. Tarrant 2 00			H. Talbird,	5 00
	S. S. Sherman, . .	5 00		Mrs. Ulmer,	5 00
Dec 12	Rev. B. Manly jr. 5 00			D. L. Blackmon, . .	5 00
14	Miss E. A. Jewett, 1 00			L. B. Lane,	5 00
	Mrs. M. C. Blunt, 1 00			T. G. Keen,	5 00
28	Edmund King, . .	5 00		Mrs. De Votie, . .	5 00
49 Feb 12	Mrs M. A. Tarrant 5 00			D. R. McIver, . .	5 00
Mar 8	a friend to Mis- } sions, Lowndes, } 10 00			W. J. Callaway, . .	5 00
13	Miss S Kingsberry 1 00			J. N. Norwood, . .	5 00
23	Rev. C. F. Sturgis 5 00			W. C. McIver, . .	5 00
Apr 16	C. H. Cleveland, 10 00			Mrs. F. A. Lee, . .	5 00
	Dr. Isaac Lyon, . .	5 00		C. A. Lide,	5 00
Oct. 31	J. H. De Votie } for Bibles sold } 194 05			J. Allison,	5 00
	Wm. G. England, 5 00			Mr. Gardner, . . .	5 00
	E. R. Parker, . . .	5 00		Mrs S. S. Sherman 5 00	
Nov. 4	Pub. col. at Cen- } tre Ridge church } Carlowville, . . .	28 35		K. Hawthorn, . . .	2 50
	Rev. Tho. Chilton, 5 00			J. Allen,	2 50
	E. D. King,	5 00		J. J. Sessions, . .	5 00
	C. F. Sturgis, . . .	5 00		S. W. Lide,	5 00
	Mrs Ellen Parke, . .	5 00		Green Reeves, . .	5 00
	Rev. B. Manly, jr. 5 00			E. H. Lide,	5 00
	J. H. De Votie, 5 00		5	E. G. Talbert, . .	5 00
	M. D. J. Slade, . .	5 00		Mrs M E Frierson, 5 00	
	M. P. Jewett, . . .	5 00		A. G. McCraw, . .	5 00
	Mrs. Jewett,	5 00		Pub. collect'n } Monday night } 28 90	
	Miss E. A. Jewett, 5 00		10	J. H. Devotie, } Bibles sold, . . } 49 67	
	R. P. Lide,	5 00		Siloam Bap. Ch. .	20 00
	L. B. Lane,	5 00	19	S. H. Fowlkes, } Tr. S. B. S. C. } for F. & D. dis } 124 70	
	C. B. Watts, . . .	5 00			
	P. Kerven,	5 00			
					\$1,233 36

1848 Nov 21	Am't paid J. B. Taylor for Foreign distribution of Bibles,	\$100 00
1849 Jan. 20	Wm Colgate, Treas'r A. and F. B. Society, .	174 93
Oct. 31	R. Redding's receipt, per J. H. De Votie, . .	104 65
June 6	Publishing Minutes,	18 67
Ap. 18	Wm Hornbuckle's rec. Tr. D. M. B. S. B. Con.	280 50
Oct. 1	E. A. Blunt's receipt for Bibles, &c.	7 88
31	Blunt & Tutt's receipt for Bibles, &c.	13 60
		\$700 23
	To amount cash on hand,	533 13
		\$1,233 36

Thomas Trigg,	H. W. Watson,	A. N. Worthy,	Jas. A. Williams,
Lewis C. Tutt,	Robert J. Waro,	Caleb Williams,	Tho's H. Watts,
Fred'k G. Thomas	W. N. Wyatt,	Fred'k Westbrook	Wash. Williams,
James L. Williams	Jona. W. Williams	C. B. Watts,	Alex. Varner.
Wm Walker,	E. G. Wagner,		

*Life Members, (deceased).—*George W. Brame, sen., Jas. L. Goree, sen., Leonard Scott, Jas. Douglas, F. N. Tarrant, John Crosby, Tho's Blackburn, Harris Tinker, Jos. W. Smith, G. Longmire, David Bethea, W. J. Crozin, E. C. Walker.

PLAN.

Of a Book or Card, for entering contributions for Benevolent purposes.

If a Church approves of the Plan, she may appoint one or more persons to prepare a Book or Paper, (after the Plan given below,) and present it as early in the year as practicable, to every member, kindly soliciting contributions. At the discretion of the solicitor, members of the congregation also may be waited on.

This Plan, of a Book for entering contributions for Benevolent purposes, is enlarged so as to embrace every object under the care of the Convention, for which funds are sent up, and by adding columns, may include the Associations' Missionary, support of the Pastor, and any other object the Church may direct. The contributor may select such interests, as he prefers to support; and on the margin for remarks, entries can be made of cash or pledges given to Agents; so that the entire annual contributions of a Church or individual will appear, and may be copied from the Book, and reported to the Association, or Convention, and no embarrassment in keeping the several accounts, need result.

It is hoped, a plan so simple, and so important in its results, will be promptly adopted, and energetically carried out by every Church.

The caption to the Book, as here given, may be altered or omitted, at the pleasure of the Church. It is important that the payments be made in time to be reported to the Convention.

By the — day of —, 1850, we promise to pay to the bearer, the sum or sums by each of us subscribed, for the benefit of the objects designated.

Subscribers Names.	For. Miss.		Home Miss...	Bib. cause		Indian Miss'n.	Southern Bap. Public'n Soc'y	Beneficiaries Howard Col'e	Total Amount		Remarks
	China...	African.		Foreign,	Home...				\$	cts.	
A—B—...											
C—D—...											
E—G—...											

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